

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment is intended to conform the present US application with recent amendments made in the European counterpart. The initial EPO Examination Report is also attached together with a Form SB/08a for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim 1 now requires the search request to be converted into a spoken version to further query a data source addressed by a telephone number. This is believed not only to be novel but also to be non-obvious when compared to the prior art.

In particular, it is not seen that the prior art would motivate a person of only ordinary skill in the art to provide means for a user to generate a search query which enables a spoken search query to be provided to one or more data sources and for the results to be collected in an automated manner.

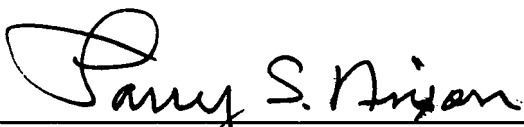
If an ordinarily skilled person of the prior art was to face the objective problem of how to access additional information from a data source not accessible "online" to secure better search results, there is nothing to indicate that such a user could generate a search inquiry which, if a potential data source was located by a proxy server administering the search, could be accessed for further information by the proxy server converting the query into speech and dialing the relevant telephone number found on a website for the potential data source (e.g., that perhaps appeared to partially confirm with the search result).

By contrast, the present invention enables, for example, a proxy server receiving a search result generated by a search request finding a web page with a low level of conformity or agreement with the search criteria to telephone a telephone number provided on that web page to capture more specific information and capture the response if it appears relevant.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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